

HOUSE BILL 960

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Gaming – Video Lottery Terminals – Player Cards**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that each video lottery terminal in a video lottery facility
4 be operated only by the insertion of a video lottery player card; requiring an
5 individual who seeks to obtain a video lottery player card to provide the video
6 lottery operation licensee with certain proof of identification; requiring the
7 licensee to use video lottery player cards to prohibit an individual from playing
8 a video lottery terminal under certain conditions; requiring the State Lottery
9 Commission to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to video lottery
10 terminals.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 9–1A–02(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – State Government
18 Section 9–1A–02(c)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2009 Replacement Volume)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – State Government**

24 9–1A–02.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) The Commission shall regulate the operation of video lottery
2 terminals in accordance with this subtitle.

3 (2) The Maryland State Lottery Agency shall provide assistance to the
4 Commission in the performance of the Commission's duties under this subtitle.

5 (c) (1) This subtitle authorizes the operation of video lottery terminals
6 owned or leased by the State that are connected to a central monitor and control
7 system owned or leased by the State that allows the Commission to monitor a video
8 lottery terminal.

9 (2) The Commission shall provide and operate a single central monitor
10 and control system into which all licensed video lottery terminals must be connected.

11 (3) The central monitor and control system shall be capable of:

12 (i) continuously monitoring, retrieving, and auditing the
13 operations, financial data, and program information of all video lottery terminals;

14 (ii) allowing the Commission to account for all money inserted
15 in and payouts made from any video lottery terminal;

16 (iii) disabling from operation or play any video lottery terminal
17 as the Commission deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle;

18 (iv) supporting and monitoring a progressive jackpot system
19 capable of operating one or more progressive jackpots; and

20 (v) providing any other function that the Commission considers
21 necessary.

22 (4) The central monitor and control system shall employ a widely
23 accepted gaming industry communications protocol to facilitate the ability of video
24 lottery terminal manufacturers to communicate with the statewide system.

25 (5) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph,
26 the Commission may not allow a video lottery operation licensee to have access to, or
27 obtain information from, the central monitor and control system.

28 (ii) Only if the access does not in any way affect the integrity or
29 security of the central monitor and control system, may the Commission allow a video
30 lottery operation licensee to have access to the central monitor and control system that
31 allows the licensee to obtain information pertinent to the legitimate operation of a
32 video lottery facility.

1 **(6) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE THAT EACH VIDEO**
2 **LOTTERY TERMINAL BE OPERATED ONLY BY THE INSERTION OF A VIDEO**
3 **LOTTERY PLAYER CARD.**

4 **(II) TO OBTAIN A VIDEO LOTTERY PLAYER CARD, AN**
5 **INDIVIDUAL SHALL PROVIDE THE VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSEE WITH**
6 **PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION, SUCH AS THE INDIVIDUAL'S DRIVER'S LICENSE,**
7 **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, CREDIT CARD, OR DEBIT CARD.**

8 **(III) THE VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSEE SHALL USE**
9 **VIDEO LOTTERY PLAYER CARDS TO PROHIBIT AN INDIVIDUAL FROM PLAYING A**
10 **VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL IF THE INDIVIDUAL:**

11 **1. IS FOUND NOT TO HAVE PAID WHEN DUE A TAX TO**
12 **THE STATE IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING \$150;**

13 **2. IS IN ARREARS UNDER A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER**
14 **IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING \$150;**

15 **3. IS NAMED IN AN ARREST WARRANT THAT A LAW**
16 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HAS ATTEMPTED BUT FAILED TO SERVE ON THE**
17 **INDIVIDUAL DUE TO THE INABILITY TO LOCATE THE INDIVIDUAL; OR**

18 **4. IS RECEIVING TREATMENT FOR COMPULSIVE**
19 **GAMBLING IN A PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND**
20 **MENTAL HYGIENE OR A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION CERTIFIED BY THE OFFICE OF**
21 **HEALTH CARE QUALITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL**
22 **HYGIENE.**

23 **(IV) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO**
24 **CARRY OUT THIS PARAGRAPH.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2010.